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STATE LEGISLATURE

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 3rd March 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Tripartite Enquiry Committee on Minor Engineering Industries

* 1039 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Tripartite Enquiry Committee set up by the Government a year ago for enquiry into the conditions of Minor Engineering Industries has submitted its report to Government; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to publish the Report?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The report has been printed and published. Copies of the report are available for sale with the Controller of Stationery and Printing, Madras, at Rs. 3–2–0 per copy."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government have accepted any of the recommendations of the Tripartite Enquiry Committee, and if so, when they are going to implement them? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered with reference to another question that these recommendations of the Tripartite Enquiry Committees have no statutory force in the matter of their being implemented by Government."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the fact that the cost of the report of the Tripartite Enquiry Committee is tantalizingly negligible, as low as Rs. 3–2–0 per copy, will the Government take steps to supply copies of this report free to all the Members of this House? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The hon. Member cannot mind the price of the copy and may find it negligible, but I do not know how it is scandalously . . ."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I said, Sir, tantalizingly . . ."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Anyhow, I do not know whether every hon. Member in this House is interested in this report. I do not think, Sir, that expenditure can be incurred on the distribution of this report."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know whether this enquiry into the conditions of minor engineering works relates to a part or the whole of the engineering industries consisting of labourers, etc.? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The enquiry related to affairs concerning workers, the industry and every other thing and all etceteras."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" தொழிலாளிகள், முதலாளிகள், சர்க்கார் ஆகிய மூன்று தரப்பினரும் சேர்ந்து ஒத்துக்கொண்ட சில யோசனைகளை முதலாளிகள் நிறைவேற்றிவைக்குமாறு சர்க்கார் வற்புறுத்துவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered this question and under the existing law, Government cannot compel industries to implement these recommendations."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government are not going to accept the recommendations favourable to the workers? If the recommendations are not going to be implemented, may I know from the Hon. Minister for what purpose these committees are constituted? Is it the policy of the Government to constitute committees and reject their recommendations if they are favourable to workers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is not a question of Government either accepting or rejecting the recommendations. No doubt, Sir, these recommendations are unanimous. But still, as I have already answered, the Government cannot implement them under the existing law by compulsion. The very object of constituting these Tripartite Committees is that their recommendations will serve as a very useful guidance for the Tribunals which enquire into particular disputes relating to these industries."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Though most of the recommendations or many of them are unanimous, still the Hon. Minister says that they bind none of the parties. May I know whether the existing laws will be adequately or suitably changed to enable the Government to implement those recommendations which at least are unanimously made? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall examine that and I would seek the guidance of the hon. Member who is an eminent lawyer."

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SRI S. PAKKIRISAWMI PILLAI :—" Sir, I find that there are many minor engineering industries in the city which are now being closed. May I know what exactly the reasons are that led to this kind of closure? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" This has nothing to do with the main question, which relates to the enquiries by Tripartite Enquiry Committees."

Aid to Milkmen Co-operative Societies

* 1040 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the nature of aid, and the amount of grant and loan given to the Milkmen Co-operative Societies in the State of Madras in the year 1953–54; and

(*b*) the number of milkmen benefited under the scheme?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answers[a] are placed on the table of the House ".

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister the terms under which loans are disbursed to milkmen for the purchase of cows and buffaloes and how the loans are recovered if the animals die on account of unavoidable circumstances, such as sickness, etc.? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There may have been no such loss due to non-recovery of loans. Loans are granted for the purchase of milch animals."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" There is considerable difficulty in the working of the milk supply unions and societies and so far as this State is concerned, they only take care of the purchasers' interests. There are two seasons, one the deficit season and the other the surplus season. In the surplus season, they are unable to distribute all the milk they get and in the deficit season they are unable to meet the demands of the consumers. Therefore, all the unions and societies are in need of preserving milk so as to enable them to meet the demands of the consumers at all times. Will the Government come forward to supply them with storage plants which are very necessary for their trade? "

8–40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" As a matter of fact, the number of unions and societies have increased very much because of the encouragement given to them."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The recent conference of medical experts at New Delhi has expressed the view that the problem of public health in our country is mainly malnutrition and India being one of the countries with the lowest consumption of milk and milk being the one article which contains a good proportion of all the important vitamins, will the Government at least

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 423 infra.